

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

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One Hundred Years Ago.

THE PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE
Highly important to the Agricultural and Economical Improvement of the Community.

At a meeting of the Society for the Promotion of Agriculture in the State of Connecticut, held in the State House in New Haven, on March 5th, 1816.

VOTED, That General Humphries, Judge Baldwin, Mr. Leman Stone, Professor Smith, Mr. Day, Mr. Kingsley, Dr. Ives, Mr. Sullivan, General Hovey, Mr. Josiah Holbrook and Mr. Thel Towne, be appointed a committee to collect materials and publish an Agricultural Almanack, for the year of 1817.

VOTED, That the President be requested, by advertisement, in such manner as he may deem proper, to request the members of this Society, and all others friendly to the Institution, to furnish such communications as they may deem useful, for publication in the next Agricultural Almanack. A true copy.

Attest, J. HUMPHRIES, JR., Sec'y.

Address of J. Humphries to Farmers

"In compliance with the preceding vote, I hasten to address the patriotic sentiments and feelings of my fellow citizens. For objects are, in my judgment, of more vital importance, than the promotion of the agricultural and economical interests of the community. Nor can this be better effected, than by the collection of practical knowledge on agriculture and the useful arts. Under this impression, it appears to me, that a false delicacy or undue reticence, ought not to deter any one from communicating to the public such facts and observations as have come within his experience, and which, he judges, may be of practical utility.

"Every individual, is therefore, earnestly solicited to contribute his mite. Such a mass of facts and observations as might be thus brought together, would become an estimable treasure to the cultivators of the earth, by multiplying subsistence and comfort, enhancing the value of land and other property, and presenting the most effectual means of preventing emigrations, as well as of increasing the population and resources of the State.

"Urged by such imperative motives, let every farmer of every condition, and every well-wisher to our substantial interests and prosperity, observe, reflect, converse on, and note down in writing, (as was suggested in the first number of the Agricultural and Economical Almanack) such occurrences and remarks as shall fall within his immediate sphere of action, and as far as may be judged expedient, communicate the same for the attainment of these desirable objects. These communications, when then be attained. On the contrary, should every man rely wholly on his neighbor, a fatal discouragement will ensue, and the project, which is universally acknowledged to promise great usefulness, must be ultimately abandoned.

"It is high time to rouse the energies of this agricultural State, by pointing out and encouraging various improvements.

"It is ardently wished, that the members of this Society, and all other who feel friends to the object of it, would pay particular and early attention to this invitation; and that thousands of the inhabitants would become associated in this Institution.

"The next meeting will be held at the State House in New Haven at 10 o'clock A. M. on the day preceding the next Public Commencement.

"The Almanack for 1817, will probably be published in October next in order to afford an opportunity to farmers to purchase copies, before they shall be supplied with others."

Fifty Years Ago.

MASONIC ELECTION

At the Annual Convention of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Royal Arch Masons, held last evening, the following companions were elected officers for the ensuing year:

James L. Gould, M. E. H. P.; Stephen T. Bartlett, E. K.; Malcolm Mollan, E. S.; John C. Blackman, Treasurer; William H. Lord, Secretary; F. H. U. Ford, C. of the H.; Chas. W. Fox, P. S.; William C. Lane, M. A. C.; Gordon B. Lee, G. M. S. V. E. B. Peck, G. M. 2d V.; David C. Mills, G. M. 1st V.; Rev. T. E. Lathrop, Chaplain; and William Lum, Tyler.

The officers were then installed by Past H. P. Chauncey M. Hatch according to ancient usage. The retiring officer was presented with a suitable token of esteem from his companions. The presentation speech was made by companion Amos S. Treat. The whole affair was well conceived and reflects credit alike on the Chapter and the presiding officer H. M. C.

BARNUM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Taxes for 1865

To The Taxpayers of Bridgeport—the Town, City and Bond Taxes, on the list of 1865 are due and will be in my hands for collection on the 15th day of April. All persons who settle their taxes on or before the 1st day of May, 1866, will be entitled to a deduction of 5 per cent. Those who do not comply with the above will be called upon immediately after for the full amount. The Tax Books can be found at the Old Reading Room of the Sterling House, from 8 to 12 and from 2 to 4.

MOSES H. WILSON, Collector

SHAD HOT

Webb & Smith, Water street, received a fine lot of Connecticut River shad this morning—most of them weighing over five pounds. These enterprising gentlemen have made arrangements to have a fresh supply out the season. Give them a call. They are always ahead with everything in the fish trade.

THE GREAT TORNADO

Johnson County, Ill. Swept by Hurricane

For the past few days our Southern Illinois and Indiana exchanges have been giving us the sad details of the visitation of a tornado, terrific in violence and destroying force, which swept over a belt of country in both States on Tuesday, March 20th, 1866.

In Moultrie and Douglas counties, one man was killed and over thirty wounded. Nearly all live stock in the line of the great storm was destroyed.

CRUSADE AGAINST "LOUNGERS"

The police of Philadelphia now arrest all persons found loitering at the main street corners and in front of churches Sunday. About one hundred and fifty young men were taken into custody for this offense on Sunday last. They were each fined \$5 in the city court the following day.

Twenty Years Ago.

ANOTHER R. R. FATALITY

John J. Flynn, an elderly laboring man living at 442 Railroad avenue was killed at the Hancock avenue crossing about 8:30 last evening. He was hit by a train, supposed to be the passenger that arrives in this city about 8:15, but no one saw the accident, and the body was not found until some time later and about a block away from where the accident occurred. A passerby found the body and sent word to the Emergency hospital.

Medical Examiner Downs was notified. He said the man had been dead for several hours. The right leg was cut off and the left one was broken in several places. The body was removed to Bishop's morgue.

The remains were not identified until this morning, when his daughter Mrs. John J. Plunkett, of 442 Railroad avenue, called to see if the dead man was her missing father. He was 64 years of age. When he met with the fatal accident he was on his way home. The remains were turned over to Undertaker John F. Ford.

CITY GOES DEMOCRATIC

Victory in First Election Under New Charter. Democratic Nominees All Have Good Majorities. The Struggle For the Registrarship.

The election of yesterday will be long remembered by those who exercised the right of suffrage as one of the most unique and eventful in the history of our local municipality. Although the polls closed at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the result of several places on the ticket was in doubt up to noon today.

It cannot be said that the election was a truly popular one, for save the politicians and the office seekers. The two year Democratic Aldermen who were elected are James W. Thompson, Walter B. Lashar, Nicholas J. Phelan, Patrick D. Lyons, and Henry Clampt, the one year men are William T. Hinkle, Sidney W. Challenger, Joseph W. Northrop, Charles N. Ruggles and David J. O'Rourke. The election of O'Rourke was not assured until the final returns were submitted at 11:34 this morning by the moderator of the second district. He was one of the candidates whose names appeared on the Citizen's ticket, and on which he received 21 votes with his vote on the regular Democratic ticket, gave him a majority over Simon Reilly, his nearest competitor, of 20 votes. There is some doubt as to the legality of the election of O'Rourke on the Citizen's ticket. City Attorney Toomey and Moderator Sears of the First District instructed the Town clerk to record all votes for the Citizen's ticket. There about 200 votes cast for this ticket.

The Democrats succeeded in electing all three of their selectmen, which was perhaps, the most satisfactory performance of the day, as it gives the party the majority of the franchise board, which in this presidential year is as necessary as it is important. John J. Haux, the leading candidate, on the Democratic ticket, received 287 more votes than his opponent, Alexander Watt. The defeated candidate was Leonard Salsomoni, of the opposition ticket.

The two year Republican Aldermen to be elected were: William M. Thomas, C. B. Baker, C. B. Adams, Philip B. Holzer, and Thomas B. Moore, one-year term; A. W. Burritt, M. Moody Downer, George Windsor, John C. Curtis, and Cole A. Seeley. Charles J. Ketcham, who was thought to be a sure winner, was already on his ticket. Another surprise was the defeat of William O'Leary of the Tenth district. He was thought to have an excellent chance for election.

The fact that he was identified with the Consolidated road is given as the reason for his defeat.

The defeat of George C. Hatch was a big surprise to his friends who picked him as a sure winner. The big vote polled by Attorney William T. Hinkle and James W. Thompson indicate their popularity. Mr. Hinkle led his ticket, his vote being 3,691; he was hard pressed by Walter B. Lashar, who had 3,249 votes to his credit. Nicholas J. Phelan also made a splendid fight.

When the ballots were removed from the envelopes they presented a sight which to say the least was picturesque. Viewed from a short distance, say the length of the average room, the scattered mass resembled a dirty pile of waste paper that had been collected in the sweepings.

The people are sick and disgusted with the bungling system of voting inflicted upon the community. John J. Nevins, one of the official counters in the fourth district, said he was almost as easy as the average man to count unmarked tickets as it was to keep an accurate report of the official ballots. Under the new system there was a beautiful opportunity for passing. Many a grudge of long standing was taken advantage of yesterday. But this is politics which should occasion no surprise.

The Official Counters

The official counters in the several districts were as follows: First district—James A. Stewart, William R. Palmer, George E. Hill, Timothy J. Murphy, Frank Callahan, William B. Donnelly, John Weldon, Edward O. Cronan, George P. Carroll, and Edward A. Lacy; moderator, John M. Sears.

Second district—David Fenelon, George D. Curtis, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Cummings, George E. Hinkle, Charles B. Baker, James Foley, Michael Brady, and J. S. Flood, moderator, John J. Corr.

Third district—Stephen D. Horan, Robert P. Nichols, John Clarkson, Charles H. Sherwood, J. J. Maloney, George A. Josselyn and Charles Kaiser; moderator, William Chaput.

Fourth district—William H. Marigold, John J. Nevins, Charles C. Drake, Joseph A. O'Brien, Henry McElroy and John C. Cullinan, Jr.; moderator, William L. Savage.

Fifth district—Daniel Smith, Chas. E. Brown, Patrick J. Smith, John H. Van York, D. Clifford Hall and F. W. Smith, Jr.; moderator, Frank J. Naramore.

Sixth district—John J. Ryburn, Frederick A. Berry, Thomas Roach, Jr., John F. Morgan, P. S. Cheeseman; moderator, Edward J. Birmingham.

Seventh district—John N. Near, Erwin Strickland, James Sheridan, W. H. Hart, Jr., J. D. Toomey, Jr., Ralph E. Moore, John S. Pullman, Finton J. Kelly, and Simon H. McCullough; moderator, Thomas Feeley.

Eighth district—R. A. Lockhart, A. B. Wakeman, G. M. Robertson, F. A. Parsons, Jr., Edward C. Callahan and Theodore Schorndorf; moderator, Frank A. Wood.

Ninth district—F. M. Tomlinson, A. L. Lacy, James H. Glover, H. A. Hill, J. F. Donovan and James Cleary; moderator, Owen Burns.

Tenth district—Elmer H. Havens, Edward E. Chaffee, W. S. Batchelor, Clayton L. Smith and James Carlin; moderator, Lewis Hoyt.

Eleventh district—Matthew Luby, Henry C. Roff, David Grossarth, James Flahavan and Thomas Regan; moderator, John H. Regan.

Twelfth district—Vincent Whitney, Charles V. Keller, Edward Green, Michael Kerrins, Edward Rock, Chas. Keller, Michael A. Kenny and Henry Halvorson; moderator, George W. King.

The only woman to vote was Mrs. Elizabeth Lobdell, of the Eighth district. She cast her ballot early in the afternoon, securing a Republican ballot and erasing all the Aldermanic candidates.

TAKING NO CHANCES

WITH BORDER MEXICANS



Although Penning and Dodd found a friendly spirit toward Americans in their pursuit of Villa, vigilance along the border, in view of the possibility of more attacks like that on Columbus, N. M., has not been relaxed. Every Mexican entering the United States, like the one in the picture, being examined by a border guard, has to submit to a rigid search for contraband.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

New York, April 6.—Ordinary to fairly prime steers sold at \$7.75 to \$8.50 per 100 lbs.; bulls at \$5 to \$7.15; cows at \$3.50 to \$7; one extra cow at \$7.25. Dressed beef 11 1-2 to 14 1-2 c. for city dressed native sides.

Common to choice veals sold at \$8 to \$11.25 per 100 lbs.; one lot at \$11.37 1-2; culls at \$6.00 to \$7.50. City dressed veals 13 1-2 to 17 1-2 c.; country dressed at 11 to 14 1-2 c.

Common to fairly good sheep sold at \$5.50 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs.; ordinary fairly good lambs at \$10.75 to \$11.40; spring lambs at \$7 per head.

Light to heavy hogs sold at \$9.35 to \$10.35 per 100 lbs.; roughs at \$8.75. Country dressed hogs 10 to 14 c.

The 1,600 hands employed in the flax mills of Paterson, N. J., have been voluntarily granted a 9 hour day by their employers.

The Union Trust Co. of Baltimore, declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 8 per cent. and an extra dividend of 2 per cent.

Girls With Beautiful Faces

or Graceful Figures

American girls have a world-wide reputation for beauty, but, at the same time, there are girls in our cities who possess neither beauty of face nor form, because in these instances they suffer from nervousness, the result of disorders of the womanly organism. At regular intervals they suffer so much that their strength is lost; they are so prostrated that it takes days for them to recover their strength. Of course, such periodic distress has its bad effect on the nervous system. The withered and drawn faces, the dark circles and crow's feet about the eyes, the straight figure without those curves which lend so much to feminine beauty are the unmistakable signs of womanly disorders.

When a girl becomes a woman, when a woman passes through the changes of middle life, are the three periods of life when health and strength are most needed to withstand the pain and distress often caused by severe organic disturbances.

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READY TO ADJUST, SELECTMEN STATE AS TO PECK SUIT

That Is If It Appears He is Really Victim of Injustice.

Bedding, April 6.—Instead of one month as was generally supposed two months are allowed for appeals from boards of relief, so that Senator Peck has several weeks more in which to bring court proceedings to secure a reduction of his tax valuation. The proposed suit naturally occasions much local comment and the general impression among those best informed is that he has a real grievance and therefore good prospects of winning. It is further surmised that he would probably have accepted the relief board's decision had they not offset their \$3,000 reduction on Mrs. Peck's land by an increase of nearly the same amount on her buildings. The latter's valuations had previously remained at the same figure for several years and was not an issue in the controversy until the relief board made it so. It is quite apparent that Mr. Peck is prompted in his decision to seek redress in a matter of principle because success for him would mean failure as regards the money compensation while an adverse decision would entail the penalty of triple costs. The town would also be a loser whichever way the case resulted in a final fight, the expense of a trial to each side being estimated at from \$1,200 to \$1,500. For this reason the selectmen will probably carefully look into the circumstances and if satisfied that the valuation complained of is too high argue, without a trial, a court decree reducing the assessment to what may be agreed upon as a satisfactory amount. Such an adjustment would certainly be to the real advantage of both parties.

The purchase of another chemical engine to replace the one ruined in the J. B. Sanford barn fire was voted by Fire Co. No. 1 at their meeting on Monday evening. On account of the department's bad luck the Badger Co. had agreed to a reduction of \$60 in the price of another engine so that the new machine will cost only \$155. Inasmuch as the Center people had raised practically the entire sum expended for the wrecked machine they were asked to incur no special obligations on account of the second one although they turned in \$2 at the meeting in related contributions. President Barnes was authorized to appoint a standing committee serving for one year who will have to do the planning and managing of all entertainments for the department's benefit. Eight members on the active list were dropped from the rolls for non-attendance and failure to pay dues, and Charles O. Perry was added to the list of associate members. Messrs. Muenich, Sullivan, McCollam and J. B. Sanford were appointed a committee to report on the proposed changes in the alarm system, including the addition of metal hoops. The next monthly meeting will be held at the Center.

Herbert Boughton, whose sudden death from heart disease occurred on a New York subway train on Tuesday evening of last week, was one of this town's summer colony, having built about ten years ago a bungalow near the Mark Twain Library. He made week end visits to the place during the winter and on the Friday evening preceding his death attended a dance in the library. He was then in apparently good health. When fatally stricken he was on his way to his sister's to take tea, intending to go later to his mother's home in New York to spend the night. Mr. Boughton was treasurer of the Bush Terminal company, an important commercial and financial enterprise which has developed a large section of the Brooklyn waterfront. He was about 50 years old and is survived by a widow and two daughters.

The Gilbert State farm at Georgetown, N. Y., where a new superintendent, George Eaton, Jr., lately of Pennsylvania. A small party of students from the State Agricultural college at Mansfield will soon arrive at the farm to take up a course of instruction planned by the college authorities and the number is to be increased as soon as the requisite accommodations are ready. The new building will be furnished by the immediate construction of two wings, one 35 by 16 feet and the other 23 by 16, joined to a building now serving as a tool house. There are already two old houses on the property which can be utilized. One of the changes consequent upon the new arrangements is the discontinuance of the milk route through the village which the farm has maintained for several years. Mr. Treadwell, the retiring superintendent, is moving to Woodbridge where he will have charge of a 400 acre farm owned by a son of Judge J. P. Studley.

The Republican caucus to choose delegates to the state convention which will select delegates to the national convention was held last Thursday night. Those named to represent the town were George S. Banks, W. E. Hansen, Herbert S. Barnes, Sanford H. Osborn, and to represent this senatorial district A. A. Gorham and Senator Blissell, the latter of Ridgefield. We favor Hughes but fear it will be Roosevelt," was the reply of one of the delegates when asked as to the presidential preference.

S. H. Osborn is about to start work on two state projects, one the building of a concrete bridge between the village and the other a section of road construction in Norwalk. M. B. Burr has engaged with him as foreman and also as contractor the mason work involved in the Branchville wall which is part of the Norwalk job.

Formal acceptance has been signified by Rev. Henry Woolworth of the call given him by the Center Congregational church. He will remove from the vicinity of New Rochelle so as to be near the church and his new pastorate the first Sunday in May.

It is now lawful but not easy to catch trout, the difficulty coming from low temperature and high waters. The first local record of late is that of Eddie Perry who on Monday hooked and held a one pounder from Little river.

Dan Beard, author, artist, naturalist and play writer, of the Boy Scouts movement, is about to build a bungalow in Pike county, Pa., one of his old stamping grounds, and Harry Lounsbury has responded to a call to help in the erection of a bungalow for Boy Scout encampments. Mr. Beard is the owner and occasional occupant of a farm place near Redding Center.

Owen Gill has left the employ of Merchant Charles Perry to resume his former position with Fred Driggs in

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Pleasant Valley and is succeeded as the store delivery clerk by Frank Sullivan, who is thus back in familiar surroundings.

D. S. Sanford started on Tuesday for Chicago where Joseph Tomlinson, his brother-in-law, is incurably ill and nearing his end. Mrs. Sanford has been with the sick man for several weeks.

About 60 Georgetown people boarded the special train which ran from Danbury Tuesday afternoon with summer seekers bound for the New York Hippodrome.

E. A. Pinkney and wife have returned to their home in Georgetown after spending the winter at New Rochelle.

J. H. Duncan has gone to Asbury Park, N. J., to work upon a job at his trade at house painting.

The Sanford school resumed yesterday after the Lenten vacation of two weeks.

Builder McCollam is making some repairs upon the Hegganman summer residence in Pleasant Valley. Banker Hegganman has recovered his health and will occupy the place earlier than usual this season.

Rev. Mr. Gilbert, known to many from his contributions to the Rural New Yorker, will preach at the Episcopal church tomorrow (Friday) evening in the series of Lenten services.

Herbert Bottsford, for the past year employed at the Sanford school farm, is moving to the Behm place in Dodgintown.

David Douglass, noted Scotch publisher, died in Edinburgh.

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